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Spring '03 Town Meeting summaries

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No. 14

Arlington's regular spring 2003 Town Meeting continued Wednesday, June 18, and members took the following actions before the meeting dissolved:

Article 16 (REFUSE CONTRACT): Jackie Harrington and John Deyst had both submitted substitute motions at the June 16 Town Meeting. Both withdrew their motions. Harrington submitted another substitute motion, which was approved by a standing vote of 82-81. The article is voted as amended.

Article 37 (EARLY RETIREMENT): No action.

Article 38 (EDUCATION REFORM): Unanimous, no action.

Article 39 (SPECIAL EDUCATION): No action.

Article 48 (COLLECTIVE BARGAINING/PATROLMEN): Two separate votes were approved on this article. First, the Finance Committee's recommendation; second, a motion Nancy T. Galkowski submitted, which was approved by a standing vote of 111-54.

Article 49 (COLLECTIVE BARGAINING/RANKING POLICE OFFICERS): Unanimous.

Article 50 (MSCHEDULE AND NON-UNION EMPLOYEES) : Voted

Article 51 (SALARY ADJUSTMENT/ELECTED OFFICIALS): Voted

Article 52 (FUNDING FUTURE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING): Voted (Allan Tosti changed the sum of money in this article from \$252,000 to \$45,000)

Article 55 (AUGMENT FUNDS/ DEFERRED COMPENSATION): Unanimous

Article 72 (APPROPRIATION/HARDY SCHOOL): Unanimous, no action.

Joshua Lobel, Precinct 8, made a motion at the end of the evening to reconsider Article 28 (AMEND TOWN MANAGER ACT/ TOWN MANAGER QUALIFICATIONS). After some discussion, Town Meeting voted not to reconsider this article by a two-thirds vote.

There were 188 Town Meeting members in attendance, a 76-percent turnout.

Town meeting dissolved at 10:35 p.m.

No. 13:

Arlington's regular spring 2003 Town Meeting continued Monday, June 16, and members took the following actions:

Article 8 (BYLAW AMENDMENT/HISTORIC/ ARCHITECTURAL/CULTURAL OVERSIGHT): Rich Carreiro presented a substitute motion, which was defeated. John Leone's substitute motion was approved by a standing vote of 79-78.

Article 16 (REFUSE CONTRACT): Tabled.

Article 44 (COLLECTIVE BARGAINING/ LOCAL 680): Voted.

Article 45 (COLLECTIVE BARGAINING/ NAGE): No Action.

Article 46 (COLLECTIVE BARGAINING/ LIBRARY PROFESSIONALS): No Action

Article 47 (COLLECTIVE BARGAINING/ LOCAL 1297 FIREFIGHTERS): Nancy Galkowski offered a substitute motion, which was approved by a standing vote of 124-44.

Notices of reconsideration:

Jackie Harrington (Precinct 12), Article 47;

Stephen Gilligan (Precinct 13), Article 8.

There were 197 Town Meeting members present, a 79-percent turnout.

Town Meeting resumes at 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 18.

No. 12:

Arlington's regular spring 2003 Town Meeting continued Wednesday, June 11.

Kevin Greeley presented a resolution on behalf of Glenn Koenig, which received a unanimous vote.

Members took the following actions:

Article 35 (ENDORSEMENT OF CDBG APPLICATION): Unanimous

Article 53 (POSITIONS RECLASSIFICATION): Voted, as amended by substitute motion by Allan Tosti.

Article 59 (APPROPRIATION/ MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL): Unanimous, as amended by substitute motion by Stephen DeCoursey of the Finance Committee.

Article 75 (BYLAW AMENDMENT/ADJUSTMENTS TO TOWN FEES): No action.

Article 76 (LOCAL OPTION TAXES): Tabled.

Article 77 (APPROPRIATION/TIP FEE STABILIZATION FUND): Unanimous.

Article 78 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS/CEMETERY): No action.

Article 79 (APPROPRIATION/OVERLAY RESERVE): Unanimous.

Article 80 (USE OF FREE CASH): Voted.

Article 81 (RESOLUTION/ THE USA PATRIOT ACT AND THE PROTECTION OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES): Approved by a standing vote of 91-52. Then after more 30 people rose, a roll-call vote was taken. 98 yes, 45 no, 86 absent and 20 present, which means the latter abstained from voting, but were at Town Meeting.

Article 82 (RESOLUTION: CHILD DISCIPLINE/POLICY): Defeated

NOTICES OF RECONSIDERATION:

- Allan Tosti, Precinct 3: 53, 59, 77, 78, 79 and 80.
- Jackie Harrington, Precinct: 12, 53 and 80

There were 178 Town Meeting members in attendance, a 71-percent turnout.

Town Meeting resumes Monday, June 16.

No. 11

Arlington's regular spring 2003 Town Meeting continued Monday, June 9, and members took the following actions:

ARTICLES (various town budgets):

Article 54 - 17d standing vote, 135-21.

Article 54 - 18a voted.

Article 54 - 19 (Education) voted as amended by the Finance Committee.

Article 54 - 20 voted as amended by the Finance Committee.

Article 54 - 21 voted as amended by the Finance Committee.

Article 54 - 22 voted unanimously.

Article 54 - 23 voted unanimously.

Article 54 - 24 voted as amended by the Finance Committee.

Article 54 - 25 voted as amended by the Finance Committee.

Article 54 - Enterprise Funds

A. Water and Sewer, voted unanimously.

B. Recreation, voted unanimously.

C. Veterans' Memorial Rink, voted unanimously.

D. Council on Aging, Transportation, voted unanimously.

E. Youth Services Division, voted unanimously.

NOTICES OF RECONSIDERATION:

Allan Tosti, Precinct 3, Article 54 (all budgets voted at June 9 meeting)

John Deyst, Precinct 13, Article 54 (all budgets voted at June 9 meeting)

Stephen Gilligan, Precinct 13, Article (all budgets voted at June 9 meeting)

Jackie Harrington, Precinct 13, Article (all budgets voted at June 9 meeting)

Peter Fiore, Precinct 2, Article, budget 21

Harry McCabe, Precinct 21, Article, budget 21

There were 199 Town Meeting members present, an 80-percent turnout.

Town Meeting resumes Wednesday, June 11.

Session No. 10

Arlington's regular spring 2003 Town Meeting continued Wednesday, June 4, and members took the following actions:

Kevin Greeley, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting member, Precinct 11, read a resolution regarding money appropriated for the renovating of Robbins Farm Park. It was voted.

ARTICLES VOTED:

Article 54 (APPROPRIATION/TOWN BUDGETS): Joe Rosselli, Precinct 6, presented a

substitute motion, which was defeated.

Greeley submitted a substitute motion on Article 54, budget 17b and 17c (police and fire), which was voted.

Budget 1 (Finance Committee), unanimously.

Budget 2 (Board of Selectmen), voted.

Budget 3 (Town Manager), voted.

Budget 4 (Personnel/Payroll), voted.

Budget 5 (Comptroller), voted.

Budget 6 (Treasurer/Collector), voted.

Budget 7 (Postage), voted.

Budget 8 (Board of Assessors), voted.

Budget 9 (Legal), voted.

Budget 10 (Town Clerk), voted.

Budget 11 (Board of Registrars), voted.

Budget 12 (Parking), voted.

Budget 13 (Planning & Community Development), voted.

Budget 14 (Redevelopment Board), voted.

Budget 15 (Zoning Board of Appeals), voted.

Budget 16 (Public Works), voted as amended by the Finance Committee.

Budget 17a (Community Safety, administration), voted.

Budget 17b (Police Services), voted as amended.

Budget 17c (Fire Services), unanimously, as amended.

There were 206 Town Meeting members present, an 83-percent turnout. The clerk's office reported there was also one squirrel.

Town Meeting resumes 8 p.m. Monday, June 9.

Session No. 9

Arlington's regular spring 2003 Town Meeting continued Wednesday, May 28, and

members took the following actions:

Article 57 (APPROPRIATION/PARKS AND RECREATION) Unanimous, no action.

Article 58 (RESCIND AUTHORITY TO BORROW) Unanimous, no action.

Article 60 (APPROPRIATION/COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS) Voted.

Article 61 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS/CONSERVATION COMMISSION) No action.

Article 62 (WETLANDS BYLAW WAIVER PROVISIONS) No action.

Article 63 (APPROPRIATION/TOWN CELEBRATIONS, ETC.) Voted.

Article 64 (APPROPRIATION/MISCELLANEOUS) Voted.

Article 65 (APPROPRIATION/FINANCING OF CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF SEWERS AND SEWERAGE FACILITIES) No action.

Article 66 (APPROPRIATION/FINANCING OF CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS AND WATER FACILITIES) No action.

Article 67 (APPROPRIATION/TRANSPORTATION STUDY) No action.

Article 68 (APPROPRIATION PARK CIRCLE FIRE STATION) No action.

Article 69 (APPROPRIATION/HASI CONSTRUCTION PERMIT PAYMENT) No action.

Article 71 (DALLIN SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT) Jacqueline Harrington, Precinct 12, offered a substitute motion, which was defeated by a standing vote, 50-105. Kevin Greeley, Precinct 11, offered a substitute motion, which was defeated. Voted, no action.

Article 73 (APPROPRIATION/RETIREE HEALTHCARE TRUST FUND) Voted unanimously.

Article 74 (BORROWING CAP/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECTS) Fred Bernardin, Precinct 18, offered a substitute, which was approved by an affirmative vote.

Articles tabled: 54, 59 and 72

Articles for reconsideration:

Allan Tosti, Precinct 3, 57-70, 73 and 74; Lyman Judd, Precinct 9, 71; Diane Mahon, Precinct 14, 68 and 71; Harry McCabe, Precinct 21, 74; Stephen Gilligan, Precinct 13, 74; and Charles

Foskett, Precinct 8, 71.

There were 208 Town Meeting members in attendance, an 84-percent turnout.

Town Meeting is adjourned until 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 4. The meeting will not be held Monday, June 2.

The clerk's office said Selectman Diane Mahon made the motion not to meet on Monday, because, she said, nearly every article is tabled and the meeting is not ready to discuss them yet. She said Town Meeting moved at a more rapid pace than they expected and they are not prepared to discuss the articles until Wednesday.

Session No. 8

Arlington's regular spring 2003 Town Meeting continued Wednesday, May 21, and members took the following actions:

Article 56 (APPROPRIATION/CAPITAL PROJECTS AND DEBT) Frederick Eugene Bernardin III, Precinct 18, offered an amendment regarding the Dallin School, which was defeated by a standing vote of 34-129.

After some discussion, it was voted to terminate debate by a standing vote of 126-44.

Part 1 : Unanimously;

Part 2: Voted;

Part 3 : Standing vote, 151-7;

Part 4: Unanimously;

Part 5 : Voted.

Charles Foskett, Precinct 8, and Bernardin gave notice of reconsideration for Article 56.

Article 54 (APPROPRIATION/TOWN BUDGETS). Kevin Greeley made the motion to table budgets 1 through 16 so that Town Meeting could discuss Budget 17, police and fire. Greeley then offered an amendment, which the meeting is in the middle of discussing.

There were 196 Town Meeting members attended last night, a 79-percent turnout.

Town Meeting is adjourned until Wednesday, May 28, because May 26 is Memorial Day.

Session No. 7

Arlington's regular spring 2003 Town Meeting continued Monday, May 19, and members took the following actions:

Article 33 (ACCEPTANCE OF LEGISLATION/COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT) Clarissa Rowe submitted a substitute motion, which was defeated after a long discussion by a standing vote of 70-112. The selectmen's recommended vote of no action was approved.

Article 34 (COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE) No action.

Article 35 (ENDORSEMENT OF CDBG APPLICATION) Postponed until Wednesday, May 21

Article 36 (AUTHORITY TO FILE FOR GRANTS) Voted, unanimously.

Article 37 (EARLY RETIREMENT) Tabled.

Article 38 (EDUCATION REFORM) Tabled.

Article 39 (SPECIAL EDUCATION) Tabled.

Article 40 (REVOLVING FUNDS) Voted, unanimously.

Article 41 (ACCEPTANCE OF LEGISLATION ORDINARY DISABILITY RETIREMENT) Voice vote.

Article 42 (ACCEPTANCE OF LEGISLATION/ VETERANS' BUYBACK) Voted, unanimously.

Article 43 (APPROPRIATION/PENSION ADJUSTMENT FOR RETIREES) Voted, unanimously.

Articles 44 through 53 (articles related to bargaining or positions) Tabled.

Article 54 (APPROPRIATION/TOWN BUDGETS) Postponed until Wednesday, May 21, when Finance Committee Chairman Allan Tosti is expected to be present.

Article 55 (AUGMENT FUNDS/DEFERRED COMPENSATION) Tabled.

There were 199 Town Meeting members present May 19, an 80-percent turnout.

Session No. 6 (Special, regular Town Meeting)

Special Town Meeting warrant >>> || Regular warrant >>>

Arlington's Special Town Meeting completed its work Wednesday, May 14, and the regular meeting resumed. Members took the following actions:

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Article 5 (WETLANDS BYLAW VARIANCE PROVISIONS) A substitute motion presented by Richard Carreiro, Precinct 19, was defeated. The meeting voted to support the original vote of support that the Board of Selectmen recommended.

The Special Town Meeting dissolved at 8:52 p.m.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Article 25 (TOWN ELECTRICAL LOAD AGGREGATOR) Voted unanimously.

Article 30 (TRASH COLLECTION PLAN I) Susan Wylly-Jones, Precinct 14, submitted a substitute motion, which was defeated. The original recommendation -- no action by the Board of Selectmen -- was approved.

Article 31 (TRASH COLLECTION PLAN II) No action.

Article 32 (LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN) Voted.

There were 201 Town Meeting Members in attendance last night, an 81-percent turnout.

Session No. 5 (Special Town Meeting)

The Special Town Meeting has its own warrant >>>

Arlington's Special Town Meeting crept along Monday, May 12, as discussion continued about Symmes. Members took the following actions:

Article 3 (REPORT/SYMMES ADVISORY COMMITTEE) A. Lee Ellis, Precinct 15, submitted a substitute motion, which was voted. The article was then approved as amended by an unanimous vote.

Deborah O'Donnell, Precinct 9, offered a substitute motion, seeking to establish a community center at Symmes, but it was defeated.

Article 4 (SYMMES URBAN RENEWAL PLAN) Jacqueline Harrington, Precinct 12, submitted a substitute motion, which as approved by a standing vote, 101-51. The article was

then approved as amended by an unanimous voice vote.

Article 5 (WETLANDS BYLAW VARIANCE PROVISIONS) This proposal regarding Peirce Field, behind Arlington High School, was discussed at length, but no action was taken.

When the meeting resumes Wednesday, May 14, the Special Town Meeting will continue discussing that article.

In attendance last night were 207 Town Meeting members, or an 83 percent turnout.

Session No. 4 (Special, regular Town Meeting)

The Special Town Meeting has its own warrant >>>

Session No. 4 of the Arlington Town Meeting for spring 2003 -- part of a continuation of the Special Town Meeting -- took the following actions Wednesday, May 7. Votes during the Special Town Meeting:

Article 2 (SYMMES HOSPITAL SITE PLAN), Unanimous, no action.

Votes during the Annual Town Meeting:

Article 26 (GIBBS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL), Unanimous, no action. More than 85 Town Meeting members present and voting. Kevin Greeley offered an amendment to the original selectmen's vote, and it passed.

Article 27 (SALE OF TOWN OWNED REAL ESTATE), Unanimous, no action.

Article 28 (AMEND TOWN MANAGER ACT/TOWN MANAGER QUALIFICATIONS): Jacqueline Harrington, Precinct 12, offered a substitute motion, which was defeated by a standing vote of 47-133. Allan Tosti, Precinct 3, offered a substitute motion, which was defeated by a standing vote of 70-117.

Article 29 (ESTABLISH TREE COMMITTEE) A substitute motion was offered by Patricia Thomas, Precinct 12. It was voted.

The selectmen's recommended vote was passed by a standing vote of 171-8.

There were 214 Town Meeting members present, an 86-percent turnout.

Session No. 3 (Special Town Meeting)

Session No. 3 of the Arlington Town Meeting for spring 2003 -- a Special Town Meeting -- discussed at length the proposal for the former Symmes Hospital Monday, May 5, but took no votes.

The Special Town Meeting has its **own warrant >>>**

Charles Foscett, chairman of the Symmes Advisory Committee, gave the first presentation, about an hour long.

Patricia Worden, a member of the Arlington Housing Authority, made the second presentation.

The special meeting is to resume Wednesday, May 7.

Three new Town Meeting members appointed. They are Precinct 1, Marie J. Paul, 86 Gardner St.; Precinct 6, Helen Morookian Krikorian, 45 Lake St.; and Precinct 21, Walter Mayne, 33 Orient Ave.

There were 213 town meeting members present last night, a 85-percent turnout.

Session No. 2

Session No. 2 of the Arlington Town Meeting for spring 2003 voted Wednesday, April 30, to start the meeting at 8 p.m. Monday, May 5. The new time of 7 p.m., voted April 28, was put off so the School Committee could hold a budget hearing.

The meeting took action on the following articles:

Article 13 (BYLAW AMENDMENT/BOARD OF HEALTH FEES) Diane Mahon offered a substitute motion, which was voted.

Article 15 (APPROPRIATION/ENVIRONMENTAL JOINT POWER AGREEMENT) voted (unanimous)

Article 19 (REINSPECTION OF VACATED PREMISES) The Board of Selectmen offered a substitute, which was voted.

Article 20 (HOME RULE LEGISLATION/ HEALTH INSURANCE) Andrew Fischer (Precinct 6) offered a substitute motion, which was voted.

Article 21 (HOME RULE LEGISLATION/TOWN-BASED PROPERTY INSURANCE) no action (unanimous)

Article 22 (HOME RULE LEGISLATION/POLICE AGE WAIVER) standing vote (120-38)

Article 23 (SYMME'S HOSPITAL SITE PLAN) voice vote (unanimous)

Article 24 (NEWS RACKS STUDY PLAN) voted

Article 25 (TOWN ELECTRICAL LOAD AGGREGATOR) tabled

No new Town meeting members were appointed.

Hearings were scheduled for three new people to be appointed at the May 5 meeting.

There were 195 Town Meeting members in attendance, a 79-percent turnout.

Session No. 1

Arlington Town Meeting for spring 2003 got under way Monday, April 28, and considered on the following articles (the action taken, if any, is in parentheses):

Article 3 (APPOINTMENT OF MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK) voted (unanimous)

Article 4 (ZONING BYLAW, AMENDMENT/OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REGULATIONS, to improve bicycle parking) standing vote (141-47)

Article 5 (ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/CRUSHER LOT, Gray Street) voted (unanimous)

Article 6 (ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/SUMMER STREET) voted (unanimous)

Article 7 (WARRANT MAILING) voted

Article 8 (BYLAW AMENDMENT/HISTORIC/ ARCHITECTURAL/CULTURAL OVERSIGHT) tabled

Article 9 (BYLAW AMENDMENT/ DOG PARKS) voted (voice vote)

Article 10 (BYLAWAMENDMENT/LEASH LAW) voted

Article 11 (BYLAW AMENDMENT/PARKING METERS) voted

Article 12 (BYLAW AMENDMENT/HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION) standing vote (157-2)

Article 13 (BYLAW AMENDMENT/BOARD OF HEALTH FEES) tabled

Article 14 (BYLAW AMENDMENT/ASSISTANT MODERATOR) voted

Article 15 (APPROPRIATION) postponed until Wednesday, April 30

Article 16 (REFUSE CONTRACT) tabled

Article 17 (HOME RULE LEGISLATION/BEER, WINE, AND MALT SALE LICENSES) no action

Article 18 (TOWN OWNED/OPERATED LIQUOR STORE) no action

Article 19 (REINSPECTION OF VACATED PREMISES) tabled

In other business, Martin Thrope of Precinct 12 read a resolution regarding the Holocaust.

Members voted to try out new hours for Town Meeting. They will now start at 7 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. (this Wednesday will start at 8 p.m. because the Board of Selectmen had previously scheduled a board meeting). Monday, May 5, will be the first session that begins at 7 p.m.

There were 210 members present last night, or a turnout of 85 percent.

Precinct 5 voted in a new member April 28 -- Scott B. Smith, 39 Amherst St.

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